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The people of Jackson, and vicinity, including the military as well as the civilians, are greatly incensed at Gen. Pemberton, and openly accuse him of bad faith. Our informant states that the feeling is strongest among the commissaries and quartermasters, who state that they might have moved everything had Pemberton given them orders to move a few hours sooner. There appears to have been no fighting but with artillery, and this was at very long range.

The majority of the public stores were removed. Still a great quantity was destroyed by our men to prevent them from falling into the hands of the enemy. All the railroad rolling stock, &c., was removed.

The Rebel Leaders Preparing for a Defeat.

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VICKSBURG.

Suppose Vicksburg has fallen, the army inside the fortifications captured or destroyed, Port Hudson reduced or abandoned, the Mississippi in its whole length controlled by the enemy, and the confederacy temporarily or even for the remainder of the war cut in two; and suppose, further, that this really great success to the foe and cruel disaster to ourselves is attended with consequences as certain as they are deplorable—increased enthusiasm at the North, the triumphant vindication of the tyranny at Washington, conscription enforced even in the North, west without opposition, perhaps a revival of the spirit of volunteering, peace parties crushed forever, men and money to an endless run obtained, and Europe, busy with its own troubles, swayed into permanent silence—suppose all